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SUBJECT: AMIS NON-PAYMENT JEOPARDIZES RWANDAN INVOLVEMENT
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11. (U) The African Union continues to owe the GOR approximately USD 20 million, which amounts to 0.7% of GDP, for funds expended in the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS).

12. (SBU) The IMF, during the latest Poverty Reduction Growth Facility (PRGF) mission to Rwanda, advised the GOR to consider reducing their engagement and to eventually pull out of the African Union (AU) mission, as this increased debt threatens Rwanda's macroeconomic stability.

13. (SBU) In the new memorandum of understanding (MOU) the GOR will sign with the IMF on the PRGF, the Minister of Finance has agreed to cut spending (presumably to match the missing USD 20 million) if the AU does not honor its reimbursement obligation.

14. (SBU) COMMENT. Although there does not appear to be an IMF-imposed timeline for action by the GOR, the non-payment from the AU for Rwanda's peace keeping mission in Darfur could have grave implications for Rwanda and AMIS. Either the GOR will have to cut the equivalent of 3% of their already-small budget or the GOR will end up withdrawing its three battalions from Darfur.

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